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MEMORANDUM

TO: Licensed Child Care Providers

FROM: Office of Child and Family Services

DATE: October 5, 2020

SUBJECT: The Maine Department of Economic & Community Development (DECD):
Maine Economic Recovery Grant

The Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS) in collaboration with Coastal Enterprise (CEI) and Maine Roads to Quality (MRTQ) is pleased to inform Maine's child care providers about funding opportunities and business resources available to assist in stabilizing their child care businesses. Below is a new grant opportunity available to eligible child care providers.

The Maine Department of Economic & Community Development (DECD) has open enrollment until 11:59 PM EDT on October 23, 2020 for the Maine Economic Recovery Grant.

Has your child care business lost revenue or income since March when COVID-19 hit Maine? Did your enrollment decline for a period of time or did you close for a month? Have your expenses increased due to COVID-19? If yes, you may be eligible for a **Maine Economic Recovery Grant**, which will provide funding to businesses with at least a 20% decline in gross profit from 2019 to 2020. Please note that child care providers were not eligible for a Phase 1 of the Maine Economic Recovery Grant. During Phase 2 all nonprofit and for-profit child care providers with up to 250 employees are eligible.

A **PDF of the application** is available for review in advance of filing the application in the **online portal**. Have questions? See the **FAQ** and **watch this video**.

Need help completing the grant application? Send an email message requesting advice to **Cynthia.Murphy@CEIMaine.org** and include three 30-minute time slots you are available for a telephone meeting.

For more information on this opportunity visit **<https://www.maine.gov/decd/economic-recovery-grants>**

For a more comprehensive list of business relief resources available please visit MRTQ at **<https://mrtq.org/>**